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- 1. THE SKAGIT VALLEY LANDS REPEAT ACT (BILL 61) WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE B.C. LEGISLATURE ON JUNE 13 AND IS CURRENTLY IN SECOND READING.
- 2. ACCORDING TO MIKE RANDALL (B.C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICE), THE LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE 1947 SKAGIT VALLEY LANDS ACT, IS A "POLITICAL GESTURE" AND COULD BE LIKENED TO A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE B.C. GOVERNMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE RAISING OF THE DAM. HE SAID THAT THE LEGISLATION HAS NO RPT NO PRACTICAL EFFECT AND DOES NOT IMPINGE UPON SEATTLE'S TITLE TO THE LANDS COVERED BY THE 1947 ACT. HE STATED THE TITLE QUESTION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY CHECKED WITH B.C. LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.
- 3. FORMER B.C. DEPUTY LANDS MINISTER NORMAN PEARSON IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGLY AND PUBLICLY OPPOSING BILL 61 ON THE BASIS THAT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE 1947 ACT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVING IN COURT THAT THE 1967 AGREEMENT (WHICH IS UNAFFECTED BY THE NEW LEGISLATION) IS "ILLEGAL" BECAUSE IT PERMITS FLOODING OF CERTAIN LANDS NOT COVERED BY THE 1947 ACT. LUPPI

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